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Summary of Zorin's statement to the Security Council (from rough notes)

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is an arbitrary, aggressive, piratical act and a direct challenge to the UN, and the US violated the prerogative the UN is imposing the blockade. The US action is an open violation of UN Charter which forbids force or threat of use of force. The United States called for the Security Council meeting hypocritically, because it knew it would be called to appear there anyway to answer charges of aggression. The US does not have the right to punish a country for establishing friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Summarizing, Zorin said that the Security Council is faced with the following situation:

1. The US blockade is piracy
2. The US defense of its actions is a complete fabrication

From the day of its founding revolutionary Cuba faced US hostility and intervention.

3. The Soviet Government advocated the removal of all ~~foreign~~ military bases ~~and~~ located on foreign soil. The USSR is willing to have this removal carried out under the observation of UN inspectors.

4. No state can dictate what another state feels it needs for self defense.

5. US is unjustifiably demanding to force its policy on Cuba by force.

6. US position is at variance with UN Charter & norms of international law.

7. The Soviet Government appeals to all peoples and all governments to come to the defense of the United Nations and its principles.

8. The Soviet Government calls for a halt to all US aggressive measures against Cuba.

In the end, the Soviet Government proposes the following draft resolution, considering the violation of the UN Charter of the US, and

the UN's recognition that all member states are entitled to self defense and protection from outside interference:

1. Condemnation of US actions
2. Repeal by US Government of its policy of interfering with ship movements.
3. Halt by US with all interference in domestic affairs of Cuba.
4. US to negotiate with Cuba to normalize relations, remove threat of war.
5. USSR opposes US draft resolution.

"Small heroic Cuba is not alone. Cuba can count on support and assistance
"of the Soviet Union."